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Mahaiwe Presents Dan Zanes Buster Keaton Steamboat Bill Jr.

Great Barrington, Mass.— On Saturday, May 23 at 3:00pm, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Dan Zanes, accompanied by a percussion player, performing his original score on stage as Buster Keaton's 1928 classic film, *Steamboat Bill Jr.*, fills the screen. "The slapstick of Buster Keaton at the peak of his powers and the energy of Dan Zanes's ever-popular live music make this extremely well suited for all ages," said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. "This is a perfect holiday weekend event as we celebrate 110 years of entertainment at the Mahaiwe: from the silent film era through onstage Grammy Award winners."

Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter Dan Zanes occupies a unique place in American music where sea shanties, North American and West Indian folk music, kids party songs, English music hall, early rock-and-roll, and soulful originals collide. He was a member of the Del Fuegos throughout the 1980's and with his band, Dan Zanes and Friends, he has toured the world sharing handmade 21st century social music with enthusiastic crowds of kids and kid sympathizers.

From thrift shop basements to Carnegie Hall, from Brooklyn to Bahrain and beyond, Zanes has been introducing new songs and reconnecting people to songs that have always been there. Referred to as "the family-music genre's most outspoken and eloquent advocate" by *Time* magazine, his widely acclaimed music has been featured on *Sesame Street*, *Playhouse Disney*, Nickelodeon, HBO Family and *Sprout*.

Steamboat Bill, Jr., was the last film that Keaton made with his own production team and gag writers. He plays the son of a paddle steamer captain, who is in love with the daughter of his father's business rival. This film also features Keaton's famous cyclone sequence, which is one of the legendary set pieces from the Silent Era, and has been celebrated by comedy buffs as well as surrealists the world over.

Tickets

Tickets are \$25.00 (adults) and \$20 (children age 12 and under). Please note, children's tickets are available only through the Mahaiwe box office in person or by calling 413.528.0100. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. For further information and to purchase adult tickets, please see www.mahaiwe.org.

About the Mahaiwe

Located in downtown Great Barrington, Massachusetts, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center is the year-round presenter of world-class music, dance, theater, classic films, Live in HD broadcasts, and arts education programs for the southern Berkshires and neighboring regions. The intimate jewel box of a theater opened in 1905. Since 2005, the performing arts center has hosted over 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. Its education program has served over 12,000 students from 35 different schools with school-time performances and residencies. The Mahaiwe generates in excess of \$1,000,000 in ticket revenue from 150 events each year, while contributing over \$4,000,000 in regional economic impact from the theater's direct spending and audience's restaurant, lodging, and shopping activities.